

FREE-FOR-ALL

Ciphering Friday Evening, April 13, at Washington Tp. H. S.—Cash Prizes to the Winners.

There will be a joint spelling match between Liberty and Washington townships at the High School Friday evening, April 13. This is to determine the championship of the two townships. Liberty has already triumphed over Black Creek, Washington township expects to give a good account of herself. A splendid "spell" is assured.

Following the spelling a free-for-all ciphering match will be put on. The ciphering will start with the grade pupils to determine the champions. The contest will then be thrown open to all to determine the grand champions of the county. All ciphering will be in teams of two, no one being allowed to return to the board after being once put down. Cash prizes will be given to the winners in each contest.

No admission charged pupils. 10c admission to all others. Come and help your township win. You've seen the rest, now see the best.

At a meeting of the Ladies aid society of the M. E. church last Friday, the following officers were selected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. W. C. Strubbs.
Vice Presidents—Mrs. Harold Bowman, Mrs. R. H. Chapman, Mrs. Jane Gorman and Mrs. Alfred Real.
Secretary—Mrs. G. A. Boos.
Treasurer—Mrs. Frank Ayers.

THE CELINA MARKET

The following were the quotations for grain, livestock, poultry and produce in the Celina markets yesterday evening:

GRAIN
(Furnished by Buckland Milling Co.)
Wheat, per bushel, \$2.10
Corn, per bushel, 1.70
Oats, per bushel, 1.44
Barley, per bushel, 1.14
Rye, per bushel, 1.25

SEED
Clover, per bushel, 11.00
Alfalfa, per bushel, 11.00
Timothy, per bushel, 2.25

HAY
(Furnished by J.W. & L.G. McMillen)
Timothy, baled, per ton, \$11.50
Mixed, per ton, 10.50
Clover, per ton, 12.00
Rye straw, per ton, 6.00
Oats and wheat straw, 5.50

LIVE STOCK
(Furnished by Frank Fischer)
Hogs, per 100 lbs., 10.00
Veal calves, per 100 lbs., 9.00
Cattle, per 100 lbs., 6.00

PRODUCE
(Furnished by Laudahn & Meservey)
Butter, per pound, 30c
Eggs, per dozen, 27c
Lard, per pound, 18c
Potatoes, per bushel, \$2.65

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1908.
A. W. GLEASON,
(Seal) Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by all druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

GRANGE ITEMS

[By D. W. Hankins, Deputy]

On last Friday night Montezuma Grange conferred the 3rd and 4th degrees on thirty-two candidates, after which a luncheon, consisting of sandwiches, coffee, cake and oranges was served. A number of visitors were present from Neptune and vicinity granges. This grange is growing not only in numbers but in influence and efficiency.

Unity Grange is starting off with energy and enthusiasm. They are getting ready to repair and enlarge their hall. They will also install a new piano. This grange is going to make a community center, of which they can justly be proud, and are receiving applications for membership and will initiate a class of candidates soon.

Neptune grange is back on the job after a four weeks vacation, no grange sessions being held while the revival services were in progress. Quite a number of candidates are in waiting to take the initiation the last two meeting nights in April. Preparatory steps are being taken to organize a junior or County Grange in the near future.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

I will be on the afternoon of the following dates to affirm and receive your Tax returns of Personal Property, at:

Oregon, Tuesday, April 17 and 24.
Tama, Wednesday, Apr. 18 and 25.
Mercer, Thursday, April 19 and 26.
R. G. CLARK,
Assessor.

BRUNO BETZEL

Believed by Manager Huggins of the Cards to Be a Coming Bill Sweeney at Bat.

[St. Louis Globe-Democrat]
"The report has preceded Huggins from Texas, where the Cardinals have been working for three weeks, that Bruno Betzel is the most improved ball player on the squad. He seems to have finally grasped the general idea of playing second base. His hitting has shown the improvement consequent to a tighter game. Even Huggins admits this pleasing improvement in his little keystone guardian."

"Betzel has changed his style of batting and I believe he will be a vastly improved hitter," said Manager Huggins last night.

"The fact is that Bruno has punished the pitcher positively without a bit of mercy during the spring training trip. He has copied the style of Bill Sweeney, the former Boston star, at the bat. He stands with his feet far apart and swings mostly with his wrists. Betzel has powerful forearm and wonderful strength in his wrists. Therefore he's equipped to develop a choppy, short swing."

WASHINGTON NEWS

Washington, April 4.—Congressman Welby has received a letter from the Gen. Manager of the company, of Greenville, offering the use of the plant to the government in case of war. The plant is formerly made in cutters, but now turns out motor vehicle bodies.

Large numbers of letters from constituents are pouring into Col. Welby's office at Washington, relative to the foreign situation. In opinion they are about evenly divided, but display a wide variety of ideas. Some express the hope that a clash with Germany may be avoided, while quite as many carry the hope that Americans can go when and where they please under the protection of the American flag.

Room 155, House Office Building, has a peculiar quality for the Fourth Ohio District. Ever since the election of the massive edifice in 1908, the Member of Congress from this District has occupied the room. W. E. Touvelle of Celina, J. Henry Goetz of Wapakoneta, J. Edward Russell of Sidney and now Ben F. Welby of Lima have been the occupants. Room 155 is considered one of the best available for new members who are entitled by long service to committee chairmanships.

Requests for garden seeds are more numerous than ever before, according to old Members of the House of Representatives. This year's allotment was made to Mr. Russell before Congressman Welby took his seat, and the only seeds available to the latter were a few left over from Senator Pomeroy's quota.

Col. Welby is the only new Democrat in Ohio delegation to Congress. The Republicans, too, have but one new man in their number from the Buckeye state, Victor Heinzel of Cincinnati. The other twenty Ohio congressmen vary in length of service from one to seven terms.

By action of the Democratic members from Ohio, Congressman Welby has been endorsed for membership on the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization. This is a subject in which he is especially interested and this committee was his preference. Congressman Welby has distributed among the six county school superintendents in this district a number of government leaflets dealing with home gardening to be spread among the rural school houses.

IN REALTY CIRCLES

Farms
Mary Swartz to P. F. Burke, 2.25 acres, Section 9, Gibson township, \$1400.

John Jett to Anton Kaup, 20 acres, Section 2, Recovery township, \$2100.

Jonathan Alsbaugh to Abraham Snelser, lot 1 and 2, Section 17, Dublin township \$500.

Mary Melning to Henry Ahrens, 40 acres, Section 35, Marion township, \$3700.

Geo. M. McIlwath to R. M. Andrews, 3 acres, Section 5, Jefferson township, \$360.

Nelson Vaughn to Maude E. Allen, 10 acres, Section 18, Recovery township, \$1500.

Frank Hartings to Anthony Schoenlein, 15 acres, Section 21, Marion township, \$1725.

Frank V. Short to Andrew J. Burkett, lot 71, Brookside, Celina, \$100.

Norton Lyon to Mary Swartz, north half lots 10 and 11, Kremings addition, Ft. Recovery, \$1800.

B. Roeder to F. H. Linneman, part lot 19, Montezuma, \$100.

Lawrence Frank to W. D. Myers, lots 16 and 17, Hamer's addition, St. Henry, \$1850.

Frank V. Short to Rebecca Kincaid lot 18, Brookside, Celina, \$175.

James Smalley to Catherine Ketterling, lot 226, Rockford, \$2350.

Lorenz Rosenbeck to Martha J. Rarger, lot 500, Fairview addition, Coldwater, 115.

August Moorman to John Guggenbiller, Jr., outlots 42 and 29, Coldwater, \$1.

Frank V. Short to Sally Hull, lot 61, Brookside, Celina, \$140.

Caroline Grey to Henry C. Wier, lot 98, Forest Heights, Celina, \$1.

Effie R. Morrison to J. W. McKee, lot 11, Elm Home, Celina, \$2550.

Albert H. Aomer to Arnette Humbarger, lot 542, Romer's addition Coldwater, \$1.

Same to C. Dora E. Humbarger, lot 545, same, \$500.

Same to Arnette Humbarger, lots 546 and 544, same, \$675.

Leases

Joseph Hueber to Buckeye Pipe Line Co., 120 acres, Section 30, Gibson township, \$1.

Mathias Stauffer to same, 53.34 acres, same, \$10.

Joseph Keller to Ohio Oil Co., 100 acres, Section 16, Gibson township, \$25.

Dayton Gohler to same, 80 acres, section 35, same, \$20.

Joseph Metzger to same, 80 acres, section 36, same, \$20.

August Esger to same, 80 acres, section 35, same, \$20.

Joseph Brunswick to same, 136 acres, section 13 and 24, same \$2.

Jos. Z. Mot to same, 80 acres, section 35, same, \$20.

Reinhart O'Bringer to same, 40 acres, section 25, same, \$10.

Antonia Kuhl to same, 10 acres, section 35, same, \$2.

Chas. E. K. Her to same, 40 acres, section 25, same, \$10.

John Guggenbiller to same, 120 acres, section 20, same, \$1.

METROPOLE

Picture Play House Will Re-Open To-Morrow, With Big Matinee and Night Program.

The Metropole Theatre, South Main street, formerly owned by Mrs. Eslinger was purchased the first of the week by Mr. L. A. Cooper.

The theatre which has been closed for several weeks will be re-opened to-morrow (Saturday) night.

Mr. Cooper is an up-to-date show man with years of experience and old patrons of the Metropole are urged to bring their friends to witness the feature programs which have been secured by the management.

The very best feature pictures obtainable will be secured by Mr. Cooper and he is The Metropole will be soon recognized as playing the highest standard of pictures known to the movies.

SCHEDULE FOR LISTING AUTOMOBILES

In order to secure a more equitable assessment of automobiles we advise the following schedule based upon per cent. of list price:

1917 cars bought after Jan. 1, 80 per cent.

1917 cars bought before Jan. 1, 70 per cent.

1916 cars, 60 per cent.

1915 cars, 50 per cent.

1914 cars, 40 per cent.

1913 cars, 30 per cent.

1912 cars, 20 per cent.

In the absence of special circumstances or conditions the above rate should prevail.

J. F. STEINBRUNNER,
County Auditor.

INTEREST

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plane, pure and some time ago by the school, arrived. This new machine is equipped with: point-toons and in the near future Aviator Brock will begin making flights from the waters of Grand Lake.

For information and circulars regarding the spring-summer opening course, address B. Ward Beam School of Aviation, Celina, Ohio.

FREE GOVERNMENT LAND

For free information and printed matter pertaining to free Government land, address HARRY KARR, Alzada, Mont.

Charter Now Open

Celina Aeria, No. 1291, Fraternal Order Eagles

Reduced Initiation fee of \$6.00. Dues 75 cents per month. Free medical service for member and family. \$1 per day sick benefit.

Big initiation on the night of Tuesday, April 24. If you are not a member prepare to get in on this class. See H. J. STELZER, Sec'y.

For Season of 1917



It will say to all lovers of good horses that I have added to my Vercheron an imported Belgian, dark chestnut sorrel, with silver mane and tail. This horse has proven himself one of the best breeders in Northwestern Ohio.

MARTIN No. 6332—(65338) weighing 2250 pounds. He is in fine breeding shape and will produce the kind of colts that sell on the market.

NORMAN, 102224
Dark Steel Gray, a good individual and a good breeder; 4 year old, weighing 1900 pounds and sired by imported horse and out of an imported mare.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS
MARTIN—\$18.00 to insure colt to stand and suck.
NORMAN—\$13 to insure colt to stand and suck.

Parties parting with mares before they are known to be in foal forfeit the insurance. Care will be taken to prevent accidents, but will not be responsible if any occur. These horses are first class breeders. Horsemen are invited to come and inspect these animals.

WILL MAKE THE SEASON AT HOME ONLY
It pays to breed to the best and all roads lead to my barn, 3 miles west of Celina, State Line pike. One-half mile South of County Infirmary.

JOHN STILLBARGER, CELINA, O.

THE GRIM REAPER

Cathrine Elizabeth Bricker, the daughter of Daniel and Susanna (Stear) Bricker, was born October 20, 1844; departed this life March 21, 1917, aged 72 years, 5 months and 11 days.

On November 4, 1873, she was united in marriage to Isaac Hagline. She was the mother of the following children: Emma, and Gabriella, who live at home; Clement living near home; and also survived by two daughters of Mr. Hagline by a former marriage—Mrs. Ferd Dick, living near Meadon, and Mrs. Charles Adam, living near home; a foster daughter, Mrs. Helen Howick Santa, Carbon, Alberta, Canada.

She was preceded in death by three children, an infant daughter, a son, Horace G. D., and a foster son, Frank C. Howick.

Besides the above mentioned children she leaves to mourn her departure her husband, two brothers, Daniel S. Bricker, of St. Marys, and Wm. S. Bricker, of Celina; one sister, Mrs. Emma Springer, of Montezuma. She is also survived by eleven grand-children, two great grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

She surely was a pious, kind and affectionate wife and mother. She became a member of the Old town U. B. church in 1882 and lived a beautiful Christian life until her demise.

Funeral services were held at the Elm Grove cemetery chapel, St. Marys, on Monday, Rev. L. C. Reed, U. B. minister of Delphos, officiating.

CARD OF THANKS

The husband and family wish to thank the friends and neighbors for the kindness extended to them during the sickness and death of their beloved wife and mother. And wish, also, to thank Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Bricker, the W. O. W. lodge, friends and neighbors and ladies' aid society for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Edward Studer, aged 24 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baney, of St. Henry, died at her home in Dayton last Tuesday noon, following a brief illness.

The remains were taken to the home of her parents, at St. Henry on Wednesday. Funeral services were held at the St. Henry Catholic church yesterday morning.

Mrs. Studer was well known in St. Henry and in this city, her husband, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Studer, former well known residents of Celina.

John Leistner, aged 70 years, a well known pioneer resident of Liberty township, died at his home at Chattanooga last Tuesday morning, following a lingering illness of dropsy. He is survived by his wife and six children. Funeral services were held at Chattanooga yesterday morning.

Mrs. William Wilson, aged 55 years, died last Tuesday evening at her home west of Rockford, following an illness of a month with stomach trouble.

She is survived by her husband, two sons—Harvey and James—residing northwest of Wapakoneta, in Auglaize county; one brother, John Bortone, living in the same neighborhood; and one sister, Mrs. John Montgomery, of Washington township.

Funeral services will be held at Rockford today.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Beougher, living southwest of this city, received a message last Monday announcing the sudden death at Eldorado, Kansas, of their son, Elmer, aged 32 years.

Deceased was an oil pumper and moved with his family from Montezuma to Kansas last September. He was in usual health and the meager information in the telegram contained no news as to cause of death. He went on tower at noon Sunday. When his relief went on duty at midnight Sunday night he found younger Beougher dead.

The remains, accompanied by his wife and children, arrived here last night and were taken to the Beougher home by Undertaker Meister. Funeral services will likely be held Sunday afternoon.

Besides his wife and three children he is survived by his mother and father, seven brothers and three sisters. O'Due brother and the sisters—Chester Beougher, Mrs. Irvin Connor, Mrs. Ida Monroe and Mrs. Ben Connor—live in this city.

Time of Planting Corn.

May 4 to 14 has been the most profitable date during 11 years for planting corn at the Ohio experiment Station at Wooster. Yields have been greater from corn planted in this period than from plantings made either earlier or later. The ears of the late-planted corn have generally been small and immature.

Agronomists at the Experiment Station advise farmers living north of Wooster to add one week to these dates for each 100 miles north, and those south to subtract a week from these dates for each 100 miles south.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Lawrence Knight, 30, oil man, Celina, son of Jacob Knight, and Mildred Bigelow, 22, housekeeper, Celina, daughter of Clinton Bigelow.

Thomas Gachar, 21, carpenter, Rockford, son of Nathan Bachar, and Ethel Mills, 17, housekeeper, Rockford, daughter of Frank Mills. Rev. Reitz.

Prevent Diphtheria.

A sore throat is a good breeding place for Diphtheria germs. Protect your children by never neglecting a Sore Throat. You can wisely depend upon TONSILINE. Give Tonsiline upon the first appearance of Sore Throat—don't give Diphtheria a chance to take that throat in its weakened condition. When TONSILINE is swallowed it comes directly in contact with the diseased surface and induces a healthy condition of the membranes—then the system can better defend the throat if attacked by Diphtheria germs. Keep TONSILINE in the house where you can get it quick when needed. 25c, 50c, and \$1.00.

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AMONG CHURCHES

CELINA M. E. CIRCUIT

[Rev. A. H. Koebuck, Circuit Rider]
Sunday school at all points at 9:30 a. m. Charles Carpenter, Dayton Waggoner and Harry Koebuck, superintendents. Lesson: Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead. Easter Sunday: John, 11, 17 to 24. You are wanted in our schools. Come if you can.

Public services at Mercer at 10:30. At Cops at 2:30. At Center 7:30. Sun thus, God's time, be on time.

These services will be Easter services with little programs at each place. Help just a little. These are our communities to take for the Kingdom.

CENTER W. C. T. U. NOTES

The next meeting of Center W. C. T. U. will be held April 12 with Mrs. Blanche Layland. All members, and friends of the cause invited to be present.

Those having coin-boxes please bring them to this meeting.

At the all-day meeting at Mrs. Yocum's, two comfort tops were completed, and blocks have since been made for another, which was finished and knotted at Mrs. May Miesse's.

The meeting for the men, held at Edwin Howick's, was a very pleasant one, about 45 being present. The program was well given by Hyrl Freeman, D. P. Layland, Edwin Howick, and Harry Freeman. Selections on the Victrola were rendered throughout the evening. Refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, gingerbread and coffee were served and a very pleasant social hour was enjoyed. Two new members, Mrs. Rhoda Copeland and Miss Lois Mark, were taken into the Union.

"Ducky" Dangerously Ill.

Harry Houts, one of the proprietors of the Arlington bowling alleys, living on South Third street, is not expected to live. He has been ill of pneumonia for more than a week.—Decatur Democrat.

Houts, better known in this city as "Ducky" was for several years connected with the Blossom pool room in this city.

Dr. C. M. Thompson, of King's Mountain, Ky., who owns the old Reservoir Hotel property, gave us a pleasant call last Tuesday while in this city on business.

There will be an Easter dance at the Hieholzer Hall, Coldwater, on Monday, April 9. Music by Saxophone trio. Everybody invited.

Miss Marjory Landfair has gone to Landers, Wyoming, for a couple of months' visit with her sister, Mrs. Helen Allen.

ATTENTION, PEOPLE

We're prepared to do all kinds of shoe repairing. Work neatly done. Prompt service. GUS FROHING, shoemaker. WM. LINK, Proprietor.

The Celina Democrat and the Cincinnati Post now \$3.50 a year. The 50c raise was made necessary by an advance made to us by the Post.

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I will offer at public sale on

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1917

on the premises the personal property assigned to me by the said Math K. Fahrig, consisting of a general hardware and tinware store and other personal property, provided I have not disposed of same under the order of private sale from the probate court. JOHN M. SCHLOSSER, Assignee of Math R. Fahrig.

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Easter Suits